

5 shape as said panel, said top wall having a shortest diameter having a
length greater than a shortest diameter of said panel;
a handle being attached to and extending upwardly from said panel, said top wall
of said covering having an opening therein for removably receiving said
handle; and

10 wherein said stand may be positioned over food and said covering positioned over
said stand such that said peripheral wall extends downward.

2. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 1, wherein each of said legs is
angled outwardly.

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3. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 1, wherein each of said legs
has a pointed bottom end.

4. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 1, wherein said panel has a
20 substantially circular shape.

5. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of
legs includes three legs.

25 Claim 6 (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The food cover assembly of claim 6 1, wherein said
handle is centrally disposed on said top side.

30 8. (currently amended) The food cover assembly of claim 6 1, wherein said
peripheral wall is angled outwardly.

9. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 4, wherein said peripheral
wall is angled outwardly such that said covering has a frusto-conical shape.

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5 10. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 1, wherein said covering is flexible.

 11. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 10, wherein said peripheral wall is pleated.

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 12. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 11, wherein said covering comprises a paper material.

 13. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 12, wherein said peripheral wall has height greater than a height of said legs.

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 14. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 11, wherein said covering comprises a plastic material.

20 15. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 14, wherein said peripheral wall has height greater than a height of said legs.

 16. (original) The food cover assembly of claim 1, wherein said peripheral wall has height greater than a height of said legs.

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 17. (currently amended) A food cover assembly for positioning over food being cooked in a microwave oven, said assembly comprising:

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 a stand including panel having a top side and a bottom side, a plurality of legs being attached to and extending downwardly from said bottom side, each of said legs being positioned generally adjacent to a peripheral edge of the panel, said legs being generally equidistant from each other, each of said legs being angled outwardly, each of said legs having a pointed bottom end, said panel having a substantially circular shape, said plurality of legs being three legs;

5 a handle being attached to and extending upwardly from said panel, said handle
being centrally disposed on said top side;
a covering including a top wall and a peripheral wall being attached to and
extending downwardly therefrom, said top wall having generally the same
shape as said panel, said top wall having a shortest diameter having a
10 greater length than a shortest diameter of said panel, said peripheral wall
being angled outwardly such that said covering has a frusto-conical shape,
said covering being flexible, said peripheral wall being pleated, said
covering comprising a flexible material, said top wall having an opening
therein for removably receiving said handle, said peripheral wall having
15 height greater than a height of said legs;
a reinforcing frame being attached to said top wall, said opening extending
through said frame; and
wherein said stand may be positioned over food and said covering positioned over
said stand such that said peripheral wall extends downward.